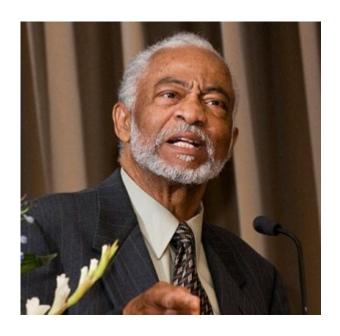
PROGRAMS RESCHEDULED—African-American-themed events at the state of Delaware's downtown Dover museums rescheduled from Jan. 4 to Jan. 18, 2014



Due to an emergency-weather cancellation, three African-American-themed programs, originally scheduled for Jan. 4, 2014 at the state's downtown Dover museums, have been rescheduled for Saturday, Jan. 18, 2014. Admission for all programs is free and open to the public. For additional information, call the First State Heritage Park Welcome

Center and Galleries at 302-744-5055.

The rescheduled programs include "Civil Rights: A Dream Deferred: The Past to the Present," a lecture by Dr. James Newton, University of Delaware professor emeritus of Black American Studies. The lecture, which will take place at 1 p.m. at The Old State House located at 25 The Green, will explore issues of economic equality, poverty, discrimination, housing, education and urban development. Dr. Newton's lecture is made possible by a grant from the Delaware Humanities Forum, a state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities. In addition to the lecture, screenings of the 2007 documentary film "A Dream Deferred: Remembering the 1968 Occupation" will be given throughout the day beginning at 10 a.m. The approximately 30-minute film depicts the rioting that took

place in Wilmington, Del. after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the subsequent nine-month occupation of the city by the National Guard.

Between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., the <u>Johnson Victrola Museum</u>, located at 375 S. New St., will offer the program "Protest Music" featuring guided tours that explore the roots of protest music through original recordings of Marian Anderson, Paul Robeson and others played on authentic Victor Talking Machines.

Finally, the <u>First State Heritage Park Welcome Center and Galleries</u>, located in the Delaware Public Archives building at 121 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., will offer special guided tours at 10 a.m., Noon and 2 p.m. exploring Delaware's crucial role in the Underground Railroad and on two Delaware leaders who aided in this "freedom enterprise"—Samuel D. Burris and Thomas Garrett. The tours are presented in conjunction with the exhibit "An Illegal Activity: The Underground Railroad in Delaware."

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